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finding it impossible to reach the hook or even to see it, I opened his belly, and finding the perch still alive, threw it into the water. While it could not right itself and swim away, it continued for some time to paddle around in a circle.

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NOTES ON A FISH CAUGHT THREE TIMES.

The writer has on several occasions seen fishes bite on a hook when they have already been caught once.

In one instance on Upper Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks a yellow perch (*P. flavescens*) was caught, a worm being used as bait. The lower half of its tail was slightly deformed and this served as a mark of identification. As the writer was not after perch, the fish was tossed back uninjured.

Within about ten minutes it had been caught three times.

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BOX TORTOISE (*Terrapene carolina*) SWIMMING A CREEK.

On May 9th, about eight o'clock in the morning, I noticed an object moving about in Darby Creek, about a mile above Addingham. It was a few feet out from the shore, and through a pair of field-glasses was seen to be a box tortoise. At this point the creek is about fifteen to twenty yards wide, and the tortoise was headed directly for the opposite shore. It swam very slowly and laboriously, only the highest part of the carapace and the head, from just below the eyes, projecting above the surface of the water. As it moved along, it bobbed up and down. After much effort, when within a few feet of landing on the oppo-

site shore, it stopped to rest a second or so, floating a short distance down stream, when it resumed its movements towards the bank. Close to the bank it stopped paddling, floated gently up on the mud, and after a few moments' rest, crawled slowly out on the muddy shore, stopping again for a rest. Five or ten minutes later it was still resting in the sun. Never having seen the box tortoise swim before, this note is offered as possibly of interest.

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NUMBER OF YOUNG PRODUCED BY CERTAIN SNAKES.

I quote the following records from my notes, trusting that they may be of some interest. All the specimens referred to were taken in Nelson County, Va.:

Natrix septemvittata. August 31st, 1914. Five young.

Natrix sipedon. I have never observed over 40 young, but have three records of this number, one each of 36, 33, and 25. Dates of birth, August 12th-October 12th.

Heterodon platyrhinos. August 16th, 1913. A nest of 34 eggs ploughed up in a field. They hatched August 23-27.

Agkistrodon contortrix. September 1, 1913, 7 young. These young snakes, though born alive, had well developed egg-teeth, which were not present in the young of either *Natrix*. They were quite evident in the young of *Heterodon*.

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SOME AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES OF CECIL COUNTRY, MARYLAND.

This list represents material I have examined or collected, unless otherwise stated. Sometimes, as